IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK

In re Application of

Yuzo KIKUCHI

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For: A FABRIC FOR WELDING

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E. COLE Examiner:

Washington, D.C.

October 15,

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 30, 1999, please enter the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-12 without prejudice or disclaimer and enter the following new claims:

A material comprising a welding fabric welded to a substrate, wherein said welding fabric comprises a fabric having at least one welding portion said at least one welding portion comprising a portion of the fabric which includes a material which melts under hot pressing conditions.

The material according to claim 13 wherein said one welding portion extends across the entire width of the welding fabric.